

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Mire, Philip J.

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For: PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE  
UTILIZING MASTER KEY ENCRYPTION  
(AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED)

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Examiner: Moorthy, Aravind K.

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2006, in the above-identified application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 12, 18 and 20 are amended, claim 30 is added, and claims 1, 7-12, and 18-22 and 30 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.